

a.) Remarks

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

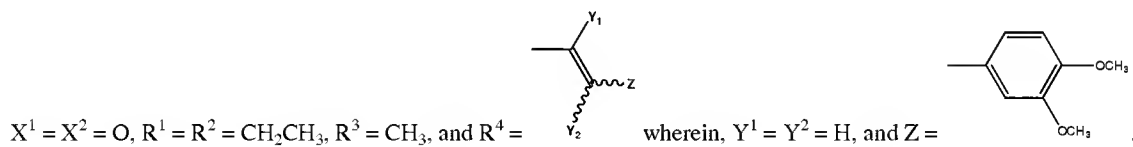
Group I (Claims 1-5 and 15), drawn to a composition;

Group II (Claims 6-12), drawn to a method of treating and/or preventing higher brain dysfunction associated with brain injury; or

Group III (Claim 14), drawn to a method of producing a composition.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, namely Claims 6-12.

The Examiner also requested that Applicants select a single specie for search, irrespective of which Group is elected. The specie are denoted at page 5, namely a moiety for each of R¹-R⁴, X, Y and Z. In response, Applicants hereby select for search Compound 2 (see specification page 13). In Compound 2



Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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